



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Greatness is not found in professions, power, position, or prestige. It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character." ~ William Arthur Ward

Feb. 12, 2014

## Adopt a Trail – Deadline Feb. 15

Volunteers provide valuable services maintaining trails in Bloomington's city parks. There are now more than 30 trail miles in need of periodic inspections and maintenance to remain safe and usable. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department provides training and equipment to volunteer groups of any size for monthly trail monitoring and annual trail maintenance. Trail monitoring can be completed at your leisure, while the annual work day is scheduled through the Adopt-a-Trail coordinator. Volunteers must submit an online application by Feb. 15. Orientation will be in late March, with the one-year commitment starting April 1. Minimum age is 12. To submit an application, go to <http://bit.ly/AdoptATrail> or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks))

## Habitat ReStore Volunteer Orientation – Feb. 22, Mar. 8

You are invited to join a fun group of volunteers at the Monroe County Habitat for Humanity ReStore, which sells gently used home goods to the public and sponsors Habitat homes with the proceeds. You will meet other great volunteers and learn how to run a social enterprise. Please sign up to attend an orientation session, held every other Sat. throughout the year. Upcoming sessions will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Feb. 22, Mar. 8 and 22. Minimum age is 16. Register on the Habitat volunteer calendar at:

[www.monroecountyhabitat.org/involved/volunteercalendar](http://www.monroecountyhabitat.org/involved/volunteercalendar) or contact Sandy Myers at (812) 331-2660 or [volunteerrestore@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:volunteerrestore@monroecountyhabitat.org) to discuss alternate orientation times. ([www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore](http://www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore))

## MCUM Spring Luncheon – April 6

It's time to spring into action for Monroe County United Ministries' annual luncheon and auction! This event, which attracts over 300 guests and corporate sponsors, will have hundreds of unique live and silent auction items. Your assistance will make the event a huge success! Volunteers can choose a time that works for them between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sun., April 6, then choose from a variety of positions, including greeting, registration, setup, cleanup, and auction assistants. It's easy, it's fun, and it's important! Minimum age is 16. Please contact Katie Meier at (812) 339-3429 ext. 18 or [fundraising@mcum.org](mailto:fundraising@mcum.org). ([www.mcum.org](http://www.mcum.org))

## VITAL Quiz Bowl – April 21-24

The 31st annual VITAL Quiz Bowl fundraiser will have 32 teams competing over a period of four nights, with literacy as the winner! The Quiz Bowl is your chance to show off your smarts while raising money and awareness for the Monroe County Public Library's adult literacy program, Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL). This trivia competition, held from April 21-24 in the library auditorium, is a great opportunity for you to gather your friends, family, and co-workers to form a team or volunteer at the event. A limited number of four-person team slots are available. Entry fees are \$160 per team. Minimum age is 16. To find out more, please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or [vital@mcpl.info](mailto:vital@mcpl.info). ([www.mcpl.info](http://www.mcpl.info))

## Backline Peer Pregnancy Talkline Advocate

Backline is a volunteer-run peer counseling talk-line offering a confidential, judgement free space for individuals to talk about their decisions and experiences with pregnancy, parenting, abortion, adoption and pregnancy loss. Based on the West coast and expanding to Bloomington, Backline is seeking volunteers to provide support to callers before, during or after a pregnancy. Bilingual individuals, women of color, and people with personal experience with these topics are especially encouraged to apply. Minimum age is 18. Interested in learning more? Complete a volunteer application at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSXK6VT](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSXK6VT) or contact Shelly Dodson at 503-287-4344 or [shelly@yourbackline.org](mailto:shelly@yourbackline.org). ([www.yourbackline.org](http://www.yourbackline.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana

Provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. To grant a wish, contact Stephanie Dean at [bbbs@bigsindiana.org](mailto:bbbs@bigsindiana.org) or (812) 334-2828. (807 N. College Ave, Suite 101; [www.bigsindiana.org](http://www.bigsindiana.org))

**Wishes:** new or gently used children's board games and Legos, jewelry beads and string, water cooler, laminator, copy paper, large and medium plastic tubs with lids, metal shelving unit

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

